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**ACTION TO IMPROVE OVERSEAS SECURITY**

**BACKGROUND**

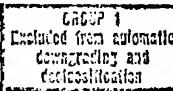
On 15 December 1966 a review of the Audio Countermeasures Program of the Agency was completed by William K. Harvey. A number of recommendations were made for improvement in the Agency program, one of these being the establishment of a mechanism for better coordination of the program within the Agency. The Deputy Director for Plans agreed with this recommendation, but felt that a stronger overseas security program should be initiated to improve both the technical and physical security of overseas stations and bases. He also believed that such a program could only be effective if it functioned under the command channels of the Office of the Deputy Director for Plans. Meetings on this subject were held and an agreement was reached between the Deputy Director for Plans and the Deputy Director for Support to establish a Special Security Unit within the Office of the Deputy Director for Plans. The mission of this Unit was to improve the physical and technical security posture of our overseas stations and bases. The Deputy Director of Security was designated Chief of the Unit, the Chief of Operations/FI Staff the Deputy, and representatives from TSD and the Soviet Bloc Division were added to complete the staffing of the Unit.

**PROGRAM**

After consultation with appropriate interested officials in the Clandestine Services, the Directorate of Support and the Directorate of Science and Technology, the Special Security Unit recommended a program designed to achieve these goals and this program was approved by the DDP. Generally stated, the program envisioned the following approaches to the problem.

1. A concentrated effort to improve the on-site physical and technical security of our stations and bases overseas.
2. A regional security support concept designed to furnish physical and technical security assistance to these stations and bases.

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3. A well coordinated effort at Headquarters to support this effort and to improve the Agency's capability to protect our stations overseas from a physical and technical standpoint. In connection with this part of the program, the plan envisioned utilizing all assets of the Agency, regardless of the command component to which assigned, to assist in solving these problems.

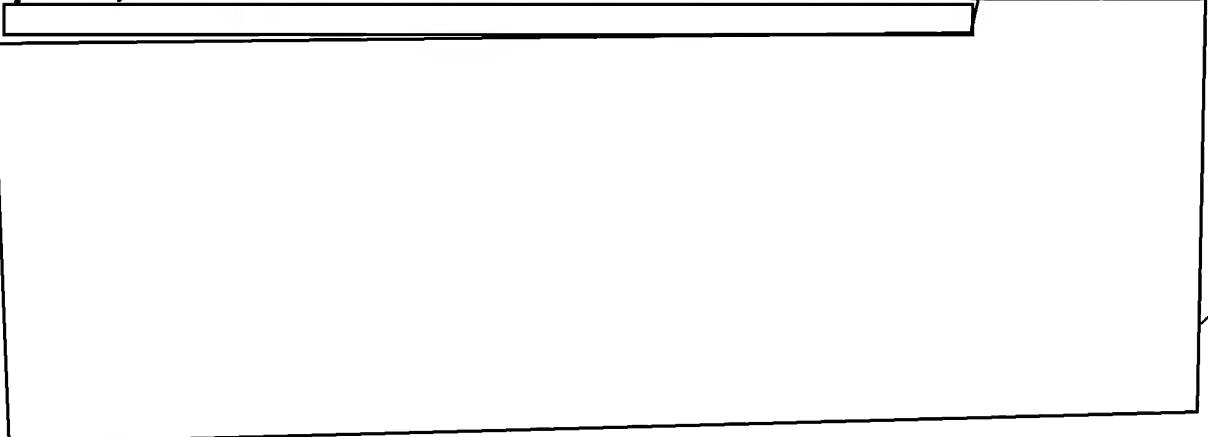
**PROGRESS REPORT**

The actions listed below describing progress made in improving overseas security were accomplished by the various Agency components which have responsibility in the security field abroad. The SSU served primarily as a point of coordination and a catalyst in pushing the recommended programs.

On-Site Security Aspects: During the past six months a number of actions have been taken to carry out this phase of the program. The Clandestine Services identified forty priority stations on which to concentrate this first effort. Survey teams representing SSU and physical and technical security specialists are now in the process of visiting these priority stations with a view toward improving station and base security.

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To date, selected priority [redacted]  
have been covered by these surveys and all priority [redacted]  
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